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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: White House Meeting to Discuss the Jackson Subcommittee Activities

1. Mr. Edward McCabe called a meeting of the agency points of contact to discuss the current situation of the Jackson Subcommittee on National Policy Making Machinery. The meeting was held on Wednesday, 23 March, at 3:00 p.m. and lasted for approximately an hour and a half. Individuals present are listed on the attached.

2. Mr. McCabe reviewed activities since the last meeting and indicated that the next round of <sup>after</sup>hearings will go into science and technology matters and, therefore, the next series would deal with budget matters. McCabe mentioned that Senators Mundt and Javits would try to be helpful to the Executive Branch and the Administration wherever possible. In this connection Mr. Gale mentioned that the minority counsel, Mr. Pendleton, is procuring (1) a list of proposed witnesses and that any agency which had suggestions as to witnesses should make them available to Pendleton; (2) he suggested that if there were any items in the Interim Report which agencies felt contained points which could appropriately be brought up, these ideas should be channelled to Pendleton who would take them up with Mundt or Javits; (3) if there are possible minor organizational changes requiring legislation, these matters should be discussed with Mundt with the view of considering advising Senator Jackson of them; and (4) it was also pointed out that present plans are that the Subcommittee will continue on into the next Congress but that they will probably wish to make some minor recommendations in this session.

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3. Mr. Reid pointed out that they are preparing a draft of the proposed statement for the Director of the Bureau of the Budget for the coming hearings and it was suggested that a copy of this statement be made available in advance to interested agencies. McCabe emphasized again that the list of witnesses should be checked carefully and in addition any suggestions as to other witnesses should be forthcoming.

4. I reported on the appearance of the Director before the Subcommittee indicating the scope of the Director's statement and the fact that it was executive session with no release being made. Since the State Department had already requested access to the transcript, I indicated that others who felt it necessary could also review this by contact with the Subcommittee since we have no copy at this time. I also mentioned the two studies which the Agency had done for the Subcommittee in the classified and unclassified versions and the fact of the Subcommittee printing the unclassified versions and receiving very complimentary comments from the academic community.

5. It was mentioned that Senator Jackson will have an article appearing in the April issue of FOREIGN AFFAIRS and that some thought is being given to either Mundt or Javits speaking on this general subject on the floor.

6. Mr. Smith pointed out that the Department was preparing a paper on the British policy making machinery and in addition had been requested to furnish a list of the interdepartmental committees on which State has membership. It was pointed out that Brad Patterson with Robert Gray is keeping a current list of all interdepartmental committees. It was also indicated that Herter and Dillon are scheduled to appear before the Subcommittee some time in May.

7. It appeared that there was still considerable concern that the Subcommittee's activities will develop only one side of the picture and thus the questions of strategy such as suggesting witnesses and making available appropriate points for discussion to Pendleton for Mundt and Javits were considered carefully. It was suggested that Mr. Pendleton should be called through Senator Mundt's office. At this time it does not appear that there is any action for the Agency to take in this connection.

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